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PRE PAID CARDS FOR FUEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether IOC has issued pre-paid cards for fuel and other services used by the transporters;

(b): if so, the details thereof indicating the amount that it has earned through these cards since these cards were introduced;

(c): whether this card also provides additional services to the transporters which helps the transporters to use their fleet better; and

(d): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) & (b): Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) has issued pre-paid cards known as, "XTRAPOWER" fleet cards for fuel and other services as part of loyalty program launched for transporters. These cards are issued to transporters at a nominal fee of Rs.100/- per card to meet the expenses for making these cards. These cards were introduced in March, 2004 by IOC. Approximately 1.5 lakh KL of fuel is sold through these cards every month.

(c)&(d): Transporters can load the money on the card at a designated retail outlet which enables the driver to make purchases of fuel and lubes at designated retail outlets. These cards also provide additional services to the transporters such as cash less transactions, vehicle tracking, Management Information System(MIS) reports and insurance for transporters and their crews. IOC has reported that these cards have helped transporters in using their fleet in a better and efficient manner.